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SUBJECT: FOR RELEASE: Jamaica FY10 Section 1206 Proposal

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11. (SBU) Post fully supports the FY10 proposal submitted by USMLO Kingston to USSOUTHCOM. This \$2,827,728 program is specifically designed to equip and enhance the Jamaican Defense Force's (JDF) effort to establish a viable counter-terrorism capability.

12. (SBU) Equipment purchased under this program will go to the resource constrained JDF Counter Terrorism Operations Group (CTOG), which is the Government of Jamaica's primary CT force. The desired strategic effects of this program are to:

- Deny the exploitation of Jamaica, which due to limited self capacity, could be used as a terrorist safe haven.
- Dissuade terrorists from attempting to attack U.S. citizens or interests in Jamaica, in what otherwise could be perceived as a soft target area with large potential benefits from indirect attack.
- Strengthen ties and cooperation on counterterrorism with Jamaica, and throughout the CARICOM region, by working to develop capabilities of a regional partner and leader.

13. (SBU) Jamaica is a willing and proven force provider for security contingencies within the Caribbean community. Section 1206 funding provides us with a great opportunity to bring the CTOG to a readiness level that will allow for increased utilization within the region in conjunction with/without US forces. Your consideration in approving this submission is appreciated.
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